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- The following Communists are members of the Supreme National Council of the Salvadoran Communist Party: Manuel Atilio Hasbun, David Hernandez Echegoyen, Jorge Arias Gomez, Joaquin Hernandez Callejas, Salvador C. Carpic, Gabriel Gallegos Valdez, Victor M. Guirola, Roberto Castellanos Galvo, Mario Salazar Valiente and the Shafick Handall brothers. There are other members as yet unidentified, since they do not live in San Salvador. In accordance with the statutes of the Communist Party the Supreme National Council must be formed by fifteen members and no fewer, and ten members must reside in the capital.
- 2. The following are members of the Press Committee: Jorge Arias Gomez, Gabriel Gallegos Valdez, and the Shafick Handall brothers.
- The Central Committee is composed of eight members of the Supreme National Council: Joaquin Hernandez Callejas, David Hernandez Echegoyen, Jorga Arias Gomez, Salvador C. Carpio, Gabriel Gallegos Valdez, Manuel Atilio Hasbun, and the Shafick Handall brothers.
- Twenty-three out of thirty eight legally recognized unions are controlled and directed by the Communist Party of El Salvador. To date, sixteen of them, with their respective Communist members have been identified

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I - <u>Sindicato Nacional de Obreros Zapateros</u> (Shoemakers' Union)

Rafael Antonio Coto Luis Felipe Cativo Inocente Guerrero Felicito Martinez Manuel Blanco Jr.

II - <u>Sindicato de Obreros Sastres</u> (Tailors! Union)

> Humberto Cecilio Villacorta Roberto Galdamez Pablo Arauz Elegio Canales Ramon Cortez

III - <u>Sindicato de Obreros Panificadores</u> (Bakers' Union)

> Rene Miranda Fidelina Raymundo Orfelio Monterrosa Salvador Cayetano Carpio

IV - <u>Sindicato de Trabajadores de Artes Graficas</u> (Printers' Union)

Daniel Gamero Francisco Barahona Manuel Alonso Cuevas

V - <u>Sindicato de Pilotos Automovilistas</u> (Chauffeurs! <u>Union</u>)

Efrain Melara Juan Barrera Jose Humberto Lopez

VI - <u>Sindicato de Obreras Costureras</u> (Seamstresses Union)

> Angelica Trigueros Angelica Mendez Floricelda Valiente

VII - <u>Sindicato de Trabaladores de Industria</u>, <u>Bebidas, Cervezas y Gasecsas</u> (Hotel and Restaurant Employee's Union)

Tula Alvarenga Nicasio H. Cubas Ovidio Martinez Manuel Antonio Villalobos

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VIII - Sindicate de Trabajadores de la Industria de Construcción (Construction Workers' Union)

Pedro Grande Alberto Jimenez Manuel Azahar

IX - <u>Sindicato de Empresa Flor de Cafe</u> (Coffee Processors' Union)

Amanda Ortiz

X - Sindicato de Auto-Buses (Bus Drivers' Union)

David Mendoza Narciso N. Zepeda

XI - <u>Sindicato de la Industria Mecanica</u> (Mechanics Union)

Victor M. Escalante Victor M. Herrera Julio Lopez Mamuel A. Lara

XII - <u>Sindicato de Auxiliares de Ingenieria</u> (Engineering Helpers' Union)

Luis Ayala Antonio Reyes

XIII - Sindicato de Trabajadores Textiles "Mayas" ("Maya" Textile Workers' Union)

Oswaldo Cordova Mariano Cordova

XIV - <u>Sindicato de Industria Licorera</u> (Liquor Union)

Ana Julia Blanco Fermin Celaya

XV - Sindicato de Trabajadores Jardineros (Gardeners' Union)

Salvador Carpio Justo Hernandez

XVI - Sindicato de Empresa: Dada, Tussell, y Duran (Dada, Tussell, and Duran Company Union)

Celia Melendez Berta Iraheta Susana de Montiel

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- 5. The following individual leaders of the various unions comprise the executive board of the Comite Fro Defensa Derechos Laborales (CPDDL): Angelica Trigueros, Pedro Grande, Rafael Blanco, Jr., Rafael Antonio Coto, J. Inocente Guerrero, Pablo Arauz, and Eligio Canales. The membership of the CPDDL is composed of all the delegates from the twenty-three Communist-controlled unions mentioned above.
- 6. The unions are always in need of money, since they are being continuously "raided" by union activities. Secretaries of Finance of the various unions have the most difficult tasks and are constantly resigning from their jobs. The Executive Committee, however, is said to approve of the rapid turn-over of financial secretaries, as they consider that any fraud or swindling can be more easily detected in this manner.
- 7. In the political field, the Communists are accelerating their international obligations and are appointing persons with international experience to the more important posts, which are now occupied by "professionals" and not by workers. The following men are considered by source to compose the Politburo of the Communist Party of El Salvador: Moises Castro Morales, Thony Vassiliu, Rafael B. Cisneros, Miguel Angel Flores, Rodolfo Jimenez Barrios, and Gabriel Pilono Araujo.
- 8. It seems certain that Dr. Thony Vassiliu is in contact with Colonel Rafael Carranza Amaya, and probably with other high military officers. The Communists are attempting to reach an agreement with Colonel Carranza Amaya in the formation of a political party to overthrow the present government.

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1. Comment. Colonel Rafael Carranza Amaya is now Inspector General of the Salvadoran Army. He has a history of being ambitious and of being involved in revolutionary activities and in political cliques within and without the Army. It is not believed therefore that the Colonel has a very bright military future under the present government. In view of this, it is conceivable that Carranza Amaya might be interested in siding with the Communists.